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Applicant(s): RENNETAUD et al.

Serial No: 10/034,008

Title: DOOR SUSPENSION SYSTEM

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PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.10 (c)

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.10, applicant hereby petitions that a filing date of December 20, 2001, be accorded to the above-identified patent application that was USPS Express Mailed to the USPTO on that date. Applicant became aware that the Office accorded a filing date other than the USPS deposit date when a return receipt postcard was received on January 14, 2002 and again when a Filing Receipt was received on February 7, 2002, both indicating a filing date of January 3, 2002.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.10(c)(1), this petition is being filed promptly after Applicant became aware of the discrepancy.

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In view of the above showing, Applicant requests that the present application be accorded a filing date of December 20, 2001.

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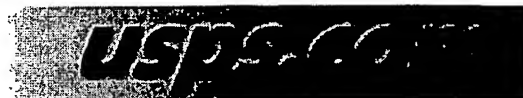
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